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Burlington High School's E-Newsletter

Graduation on the Horizon - What's Next?

As the year draws to a close, we are working tirelessly to plan end of year festivities and traditions, many of which we were not able to partake in last year due to COVID.

Perhaps the largest undertaking for the end of the year is Graduation. While we were able to get creative last year and utilize our parking lot for a drive through celebration over the span of three days, this year we are planning to do something more traditional, albeit still different.

While this year is still not our usual graduation ceremony, a poll conducted earlier this year among graduates indicated that they would like their graduation to be "as traditional as possible" despite the lack of building and COVID restrictions.

This year, our commencement will be held outside. Typically Graduation is located in the gymnasium at BHS. With the closure of the campus at 52 Institute Road due to PCBs, coupled with COVID restrictions for indoor gatherings, we have moved the 2021 graduation site outdoors to the athletic complex.

BHS traditions, such as the Faculty Gauntlet and the ringing of the bell, were also identified as important moments that the graduating class of 2021 wanted involved with their ceremony. Thankfully, due to Vermont's reopening plans, these are two traditions we will be able to honor this year for our Seahorses.

Lastly, the number of tickets available will be two per graduate, in order to stay within COVID gathering

guidelines and to ensure the safety of those most vulnerable within our community. As always, RETN (now called The Media Factory) will be streaming the graduation ceremony live on local TV for those who cannot attend in person.

We will be sending more information via email to graduates and their families within the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on your inboxes! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Brooke Hoyt at bhoyt@bsdvt.org with the subject line Graduation. We can't wait to see you on June 11th at 10:00am to celebrate!

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SAVE THE DATE

GRADUATION



COMMENCEMENT

Burlington High School Class of 2021

JUNE 11TH, 2021

10:00AM

BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC
FIELDS

For everyone's safety, social distancing protocols will be observed. Each graduate will be allowed 2 tickets to the ceremony with live streaming on cable TV via Media Factory for those who cannot attend. There will be a formal invite with more information to follow.

If you have accessibility needs, please contact bhoyt@bsdvt.org by MAY 25TH

Principal's Corner

with Ms. McBride

lmcbride@bsdvt.org



[BHS Principal's Page](#)



Hello, Seahorses!

As the end of the year winds down, summertime approaches, and the weather gets warmer, it can be hard to focus! While it may be summer outside, inside the walls at DTBHS we are still working hard and giving it our all!

This month so far, we have been doing state testing on Wednesday mornings for all grades, including the Science Assessment tests and SBAC make up testing. AP testing is kicking off as well - email your teacher or talk to your school counselor if you have any questions about AP testing!

As a reminder, we will have no school on Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day. Cap and Gown delivery for our graduates will be happening Wednesday, June 2nd from 8:30am - 10:30am, where faculty and staff will be delivering caps and gowns to each graduate at their homes. If you are a graduate and have not filled out the survey yet to participate (or respectfully decline and pick up your cap and gown at DTBHS), please fill out this Google Form, [found here](#).

Please make sure you keep an eye on your email the next few weeks, as there will be important updates and messages regarding end of year dates and grading, graduation, prom, and more!

Thank you all - as I like to say, "we've got this!" Keep going strong through this final stretch, and a beautiful Burlington summer will be waiting on the other end!

Have a great rest of your week!

Principal McBride



Dear BHS Community,

The 2021 Vermont Music Festival held auditions for all Vermont High School musicians over the course of January and March and after a lengthy judging process, the following Burlington High School musicians were selected as members of the 2021 Vermont All-State Band, Chorus or Orchestra.

Theodore Ellis-Novotny: Tenor Voice and Trombone - 11th Grade

Miles Ellis-Novotny, Tenor Voice - 11th Grade

Rory Stein, Oboe - 11th Grade

Tatiana Byam, Cello - 10th Grade

Laura Zhou-Hackett, Violin - 10th Grade

Lily Besaw, Viola - 10th Grade

Ambrose Cusick, Soprano Voice - 9th Grade

Lola Rubin, Violin - 9th Grade


A huge congratulations to these students for representing Burlington High School at the state level and persevering during such a difficult year to achieve this high honor!

FUN FACTS about the Vermont All-State Music Festival

1. Every state has an All-State Music Festival Competition but Vermont's is the oldest. This year is the 94th year.
2. The 100th year Vermont All-State Music Festival is slated to be held at BHS!
3. Typically, up to 1000 students across the state compete by having to prepare 14 memorized scales, a solo and sightreading.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE

PROM

June 6th, 2021 6-10 p.m.

BHS Senior event

No Outside Guests

Formal attire, casual shoes

Tickets \$25 in the Cafe

Join us for lawn games, food,
a live band, and lots of fun!

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PROM CLOTHING DRIVE



DROP ANY DRESSES, SHIRTS, SUITS,
SHIRTS, PANTS, ECT. IN THE LOBBY



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Thank you

to members of NHS for
participating in Green Up Day
and cleaning up 52 Institute Road
and North Beach!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**BURLINGTON
SCHOOL
FOOD
PROJECT**



We Need Your Help!



Have you seen the awesome Meal Kits that are being distributed by the Burlington School Food Project? Each kit contains 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 snacks, and 7 suppers! These boxes include many fresh fruits and vegetables, and are designed to cover meals for remote days, weekends, holidays, & breaks. They can also help you to prepare your own meals to send to school with your student! **These kits are available at no cost for ANY CHILD 18 and under.** Each week, we are creating, packaging, and distributing over 700 of these kits. That's nearly 20,000 meals and snacks per week!

Do you have a few hours a week to help us get these kits prepared for our community? **We have many openings and are very flexible with days and hours!** Please visit this webpage to apply for this fun and rewarding opportunity! **Positions start at \$15.23/hour.**

Reach out to Doug Davis (ddavis@bsdvt.org) with any questions!



The state began distributing P-EBT cards to all Burlington families with students. [Here are the state-issued FAQ's about the P-EBT cards in multiple languages to review.](#)

The cards that have been distributed need to be activated by the recipient before using them for any purpose. The activation information is card-specific. A letter preceded the actual card with activation information about the process. The card can then be used much like a debit card as long as the user has the PIN number for the card.

Important Reminder: The cards will be loaded with additional funds in July. Families should keep the cards for the next disbursement.

If families are not in need, the card may be used to buy food and donate it to a local food shelf. Using the card to purchase food and donate the food helps the community and keeps the benefits in Burlington!



Are YOU receiving emails from BHS?



CLICK ON THE
CLIPBOARD TO
ACCESS
POWERSCHOOL

If you are not receiving emails from BHS, Ms. McBride, Ms. Hoyt, or the office of the Superintendent, you may need to update your Annual Student Update!

Click on the clipboard above to access PowerSchool and complete all of the Annual Student Update forms under the "forms" tab on the left hand side.

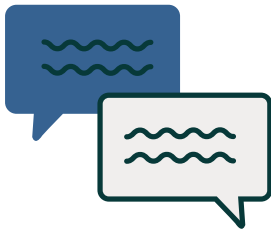
If you cannot access your PowerSchool account, please reach out to Emily Merrill at emerrill@bsdvt.org.

HELPFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

Links from this week's newsletter and more can be found below. Please reach out to Ms. Hoyt at bhoyt@bsdvt.org if you have questions, comments, or feedback.

BHS School Counseling Page

(including help with transcript requests, registration needs, and scheduling virtual meetings with your school counselor)



Free and Reduced Lunch Form



A reminder: all meals at DTBHS are free of charge for those who attend in-person!

BSD Website - <https://www.bsdvt.org/>

BHS Website - <https://bhs.bsdvt.org/>

BHS Athletics Website - <https://burlingtonathletics.com/>

BHS Afterschool Activities and Clubs - <https://bhs.bsdvt.org/about-our-school/clubs/>

BHS Online Apparel Store: <https://ptsteam.com/burlingtonvt247>

PowerSchool Link: <https://psapp.bsdvt.org/public/home.html>

Jostens Website (Cap & Gown/Graduation Purchases):

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1120524/Burlington-High-School/-/1338281773/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/1430304737/

Burlington School Food Project: <https://www.burlingtonschoolfoodproject.org/>

Meal Kit Pick-up Locations: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=44.48455132364626%2C-73.22935700000001&z=14&mid=1tG9AR47A2ssnPL7vHcfSY7KLeJQFGfTs>

Application for Meal Kit Preparation/Distribution: <https://bsdvt.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=1552>

Church Street Marketplace Student Discount List: <https://churchstmarketplace.com/bhs-discounts>

JOIN THE JOURNEY! Check out career opportunities at BSD!

<https://www.bsdvt.org/careers/>

SEAHORSE NATION



ONLINE APPAREL STORE

Looking to show your Seahorse Pride while you're learning at home? Unsure where to go to get the latest BHS Swag? Check out our online store!

All orders ship within **7-10 business days** of ordering, and arrive right to your door!

Click the flyer above to access the store, or follow the link [here](#). LETS GO, SEAHORSES!!